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(U) (Q/ [REDACTED]) INDIA: GANDHI'S CABINET CHANGES.  
(U/ [REDACTED]) ON 25 SEP, PRIME MINISTER RAJIV GANDHI ANNOUNCED A

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PRIORITY -- SECRET -- GLASER MESSAGE -- 2624 CHARACTERS  
REFERENCE FROM COMIPAC HONGKONG HI, SSN 0 AT 26 0229Z SEP68

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MAJOR RESHUFFLING AND EXPANSION OF HIS CABINET. GANDHI HAS HIMSELF  
ASSUMED THE DEFENSE PORTFOLIO, AN INDICATION OF HIS HEIGHTENED PER-  
SONAL INTEREST IN THAT AREA. HE TRANSFERRED HIS PORTFOLIOS FOR  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE, AND  
ELECTRONICS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] HE HAS ALLUDED TO THE  
POSSIBILITY THAT ADDITIONAL CHANGES MIGHT BE MADE, ESPECIALLY AFTER  
THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS IN THE PUNJAB ARE IN.

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